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Application # 10/042,142

Attorney Docket # 2000-0672 (1014-199)

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Each of claims 1, 8, 11, 17, 18, 26, 32, 39, 44, 45, 49, 56, 62, 80, and 88 has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to correct one or more informalities; to explicitly present one or more limitations, phrases, words, terms, and/or elements implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

Support for claim amendments to each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80 can be found at least at paragraphs 42 and 47 of the application as originally submitted. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-91 are now pending in this application. Claims 62-79 have been withdrawn. Each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80 are in independent form.

I. Consideration of Submitted References is Requested

On 17 January 2007, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 listing and providing 48 references was submitted. It is respectfully requested that those references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, that the references be made of record therein, and appear in the "References Cited" section of any patent to issue therefrom. It is respectfully requested that the next communication from the USPTO include a copy of the Form 1449 with the Examiner's initials beside each listed reference.

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II. The Anticipation Rejections

Each of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 13-16, 18-21, 23-25, 32-35, 37, 38, 44-47, 49-52, 54, and 55 was rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). In support of the rejection, various portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,732,315 ("Yagil") were applied. These rejections are respectfully traversed as moot in view of amendments to each of independent claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80. As amended, each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80 state, yet the applied portions of the relied upon references fail to teach, "at least one enhanced STA adapted to always choose a signal slot 0 during contention resolution with an HPNA v2 station". For at least these reasons, a reconsideration and withdrawal of each rejection of each of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 13-16, 18-21, 23-25, 32-35, 37, 38, 44-47, 49-52, 54, and 55 is respectfully requested.

III. The Obviousness Rejections

Each of claims 5, 8-12, 17, 22, 26-31, 36, 39-43, 48, 53, and 56-61, 80-91 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of U.S. Patent No. - 6,732,315 ("Yagil"), U.S. Patent No. 6,674,765 ("Chuah"), U.S. Patent No. 6,862,280 ("Bertagna"). These rejections are respectfully traversed as moot in view of amendments to each of independent claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80. As amended, each of claims 1, 18, 32, 49, 62, and 80 state, yet the applied portions of the relied upon references fail to teach, "at least one enhanced STA adapted to always choose a signal slot 0 during contention resolution with an HPNA v2 station". For at least these reasons, a reconsideration and withdrawal of each rejection of each of claims 5, 8-12, 17, 22, 26-31, 36, 39-43, 48, 53, and 56-61, 80-91 is respectfully requested.

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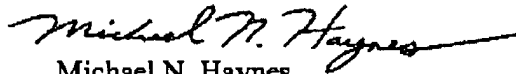
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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